



REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were originally presented for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 23-27 are drawn to the non-elected invention and are not under consideration.

In the Office Action of January 14, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In accordance with the above proffered amendment Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, i.e., it is now included as an essential element of Claim 1 so that Claim 1 is now allowable.

Claim 2, 4, 5-8 and 26-22 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 1 so that they too contain the limitation of the specified carrier and all of these claims are likewise allowable to the applicant.

Claims 3, 9-15 and the non-elected claims 23-27 have been cancelled without prejudice to their presentation in a related application or applications.

Formal notice of the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 16-22 is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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